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RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT.

In a few days 1889 will have ended. and the new year, with its promises and its possibilities, will be upon us. Looking backward and looking fer-

ward. Roanoks has every reason to feel gratified, toth as to the achievements of the past, and as to the indications for the future.

Several thousand more people make their home here now than when the church bells, ringing out in the midnight air, announced the birth of the new year nearly twelve mouths ago. Hundreds of new houses, store and dwelling, of wood and brick, have been able homes and convenient places of that of the smallest insect which moves business.

Throughout the year there has been pronounced activity in real estate, and a general advance in the value of property.

The Crozer furnace has found it necessary to double its capacity, and two furnaces now send out their molten stream of iron, night and day, where last year there was one. The rolling mill and bridge works, which give emare valuable adjuncts to the city's pro-

The street railway has been put in the city by the dummy line. Two earthquake in the Atlantic ocean has Ponce de Leon, are nearing completion. and the handsome Felix hotel has been opened for guests.

Two flouring mills, one infull operacent warehouse looms up as movements section of the country. of individual enterprise and local prosperity.

A system of electric lighting has also been introduced throughout the city; while the water-works and gas companies have both doubled their capacities, and everywhere are indications of

substantial and increasing prosperity. As bright as has been the past, the outlook for the future is even brighter and, without the indications are deceptive, 1890 will witness a much greater development than 1889.

The passage of the ordinance for furnishing the required aid for the construction of the Roanoke and Southern railroad, which is to be voted upon on the 28th of January, will give a great impetus to business of every kind, and even before the locomotive on the new road begins to draw its rich burdens around the mountain peaks lying south of the city, hundreds of thousands of new capital will have been invested here, and several thousand people have made this their home. The West Eud furnace will be completed and put into blast, and together with the engine works, the brewery, the carriage factory and other enterprises, wil give employment to several hundred new people, and through the arteries of trade and the ties of family support to several thousand.

The TIMES is not a dreamer; but it expects to see a wonderful development in Roanoke and Southwest Virginta in the next few years. It expects to see Roanoke a city of 40,000 people It expects to see her merchants doing a big wholsale trade as well as su plving the local demand, sending drummers int . North Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia, as well as throughout the Southwest.

It expects to see many new manufacturing enterprises in this city and surrounding section, giving employment and affording comfortable existence to thousands of men. women and children, now faring less well in other sections It expects to see the lands of the surrounding country divided into smaller ownings, and made to bring forth an even greater abundance than at pres-

It also expects to see many new palatial residences erected on the thou- ARE PREPARED TO DO ALL sands of desirable mountain sites in the Southwest section, and if they are not as fine and as elaborate as that George Vanderbilt is having built in Western North Carolina, it will be. 21 jetf Roanoke, Va.

THE ROANOKE TIMES not that the sites are lacking in natural advantages, but that the owners do not care to spend quite as much

> To aid this growth and tell of it daily to the public in our columns and out of our columns, will be a constant aim of the TIMES, and one that its present management will keep steadily in view. The people of Roaneks appreciate the value of a good newspaper, and the new management takes this opportunity of expressing its appreciation of the substantial support it is receiving. The interests of Ronneke and the entire Southwest section are identical, the growth at a collegment of one accruing to the bank to I the others. The Times is res that fore to aid both.

THE XEGRO'S PLTIMATE HOME. The colore i man to thes a useful sitzen when kapt properly in subjection, but sa a ruler of white men he is in-Contracts for advertising apply only to the regular business of advertisers. Advertisers the regular business with the charged extra at transferable without the written consent of the proprietors of against the interacts of either race for him to leave us, but that the negro will eventually have to migrate to a warmer climate, there is not the slightest doubt. The recent discoveries of Stanley, in Africa, and the growing popularity of the South as a farming section for white men, all point to the pending change in the relation of the races. This separation must and can be effected peaceably, and the government that emancipated the African will be amply able to provide a home for him in the country of his ancestors, where he will be able to fulfil the destinies providence has in store for him, and for which he will be prepared by a course of slavery and citizenship, among the ruling race of the civilized world. In the ordinations of the universe there are evidences of infinite wisdom and a master hand from the creation of a world to upon its surface, and the student of history can see in the progress of the African race in the Southern states, when all prejudice is left aside, that America is not his home, but that to the land of his ancestors he is destined eventually to return and assist in bring-

ing it from barbarism to civilization. THE WEATHER.

The present winter has been a very remarkable one so far. With the weathployment to several hundred men, and er here as mild as in May and with cy clones and thunder storms in New York State, there is no reason to be surprised at enything of a meteorologoperation and Vinton connected with ical character. The theory that an new hotels, one of them the immense thrown the Gulf stream so near to the eastern coast of the United States 28 to cause a complete change of climate may not be a correct one; but it is evident that something out of the usual tion and the other about completed, climatic regime has occurred in this will furnish a ready market for grain part of the world, greatly to the diswhile as an evidence of the increasing couragement of coal dealers and to the wholesale business. Terry's magnifi- detriment of furnishers of fuel in this

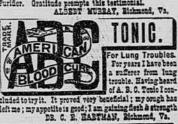
> MAHONE's official appointees are having a rough time in regard to their confirmations. Democrats in Congress are willing to join hands with Republican opponents of the "little boss," and with the "prestige of defeat" against him, his appointees have less chance of receiving a senatorial endorsement of the nominations for the positions to which they aspire.



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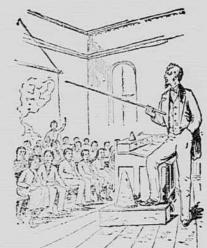
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